



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	San Diego Truck Trail Road Maintenance, Phase III		
PROJECT LOCATION	Six Locations Within San Diego County	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves recurring maintenance and repair of six truck trails, Rainbow, Mason Valley, Von Sagren, Ridge Ranch, Suncrest, and Skeleton Flats, all located within San Diego County, CAL FIRE operational Unit. These truck trails serve as ingress and egress routes for, and will aid in, fire suppression and emergency response activities. The project is part of the San Diego Unit's historic and ongoing annual maintenance of critical fire defense infrastructure. This project will encompass typical tasks associated with road maintenance consisting of grading, filling of eroded ruts, repair of existing water drainage facilities, cleanout of existing culvert systems, removal of obstructions within the road such as rocks and fallen trees, removal of dead trees adjacent to roadway that are likely to fall onto roadway, hand removal of selected vegetation adjacent to or encroaching onto roadway as necessary to facilitate maintenance work and provide safe emergency access. All ground disturbing activities will remain within the prism of the existing road. This environmental review shall be reassessed during the winter of 2017 to ensure environmental conditions remained unchanged.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 15301 (c) Existing Facilities  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section): 15302 (f) Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project coincides within the descriptions of two Categorical Exemptions listed in the CEQA Guidelines: Class 1 pertaining to maintenance and repairs of existing public structures and facilities, and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, a CNDDDB search conducted on 9/2012 and 2/2013, and informal consultations with US Fish and Wildlife on 9/2012 and 2/2013, an archaeological survey and report completed by CAL FIRE Archaeologist. All work to be performed under this exemption is recurring maintenance to existing fire defense facilities.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impacts would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

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